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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION
IN UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION -- TURKISH REACTION

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1. SEPT 29 EMOBOFF CALLED ON SARIK ARIYAK, MFA
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF UNESCO AFFAIRS, TO URGE, IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH REFTTEL, THAT GOT SUPPORT THE ASSIGNMENT OF ISRAEL
TO THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP AT THE UNESCO 19TH GENERAL
CONFERENCE (GC). AFTER LISTENING TO EMOBOFF'S PRESENTATION,
ARIYAK SAID THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC WITH USG
POSITION AND HE WOULD URGE RECONSIDERATION OF TURKISH
POSITION. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WAS VERY DOUBTFUL THAT GOT
WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT ASSIGNMENT OF ISRAEL TO EUROPEAN
GROUP. HE SAID TURKEY'S ACTIONS AT THE 19TH GC WILL PROB-
ABLY BE GOVERNED BY ITS DESIRE TO DEVELOP BETTER RELATIONS
WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL ON THE
ASSIGNMENT ISSUE WOULD MAKE THE TURKS VULNERABLE TO CRITICISM
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BY THEIR WOULD-BE ARAB FREINDS, ESPECIALLY IF GREECE OR

CYPRUS SHOULD VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT A VOTE FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF ISRAEL TO THE EUROPEAN GROUP WAS NOT A VOTE FOR ISRAEL BUT RATHER WAS A VOTE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF UNESCO AS AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION, AND HE URGED THAT GOT BASE ITS DECISION ON THAT LATTER CONSIDERATION. ARIYAK PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT HE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL.
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